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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Master of Public Administration Program at
3 Northern Illinois University is celebrating 50 years of
4 educating local government and other public sector agencies;
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6 WHEREAS, The mission of the Department of Public
7 Administration is to advance excellence in professional public
8 management through scholarship in teaching, research, and
9 service; and

10 WHEREAS, The Master of Public Administration Program
11 focuses on developing core competencies in budgeting and
12 financial management, personnel management, decision making,
13 communications, leadership, and teamwork; and

14 WHEREAS, The Master of Public Administration Program is
15 ranked 5th in the nation in the specialty area of city
16 management and urban policy and 12th in the nation for finance
17 and budgeting, according to US News and World Report; and

18 WHEREAS, The City of DeKalb hired the first Master of
19 Public Administration intern in January of 1964; since then,
20 interns have been working in public sector agencies throughout
21 the northern Illinois region; and

1 WHEREAS, There are over 1,300 alumni from the Master of
2 Public Administration program serving in various public
3 management positions across the United States and in countries
4 around the world; professional local government and nonprofit
5 managers make contributions every day to our health, safety,
6 comfort, and quality of life in our communities; therefore, be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we congratulate the Northern Illinois University Department of
11 Public Administration on the 50th anniversary of the Master of
12 Public Administration program; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the Northern Illinois Department of Public
15 Administration as an expression of our esteem and respect.